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## Extracts.

## ACCIDENT.

What strange, unreasoned impulse takes  
To divers ways our similes set,  
The unimagined doom to meet?  
Still all the fatal human break,  
From skies that punie peace. We go,  
Sure on to trivial scrubbed boat,  
And head out, and the stroke is set,  
That lays life's pleasant fabric low,  
Long day of deplorable peace,  
Love into closer union grown,  
The never knowledge made our own,  
And ever, as the seas increase,  
Some sheer height of wisdom won,  
And scheme of joyous travel planned  
To hold places of classic land,  
Or marvel of the midnight sun,  
All things that outshone our day,  
With varied light of toil and ease—  
Laborious joys, and tasks of peace,  
Constraint of duty, sweet of praise!  
One step, and over low and high,  
Things liquid and things ashore, the all  
We are won to, will be won,  
The mornless, unnumbering night.

A. J. C.

## INTERESTING TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE.

Not many weeks before his death, Charles Dickens received from Liverpool a letter from a person describing himself as a self-relied man, who attributed his prosperous career to what Dickens's writings had taught him. He begged to offer some acknowledgment, and enclosed £500. "Dickens was greatly touched by this and told the writer he was sending back his claim, that he would have taken it if he had not been himself a prosperous man, but if the writer pleased to lend him any small memorial, he would gladly accept it. A richly worked basket of silver, inscribed 'from one who has been cheered and stimulated by Mr. Dickens's writings, and held the author among his first remembrances when he became prosperous,' was accompanied by a handsome silver coffee-pot, for the table, representing the seasons. The kindly donor shrank from sending winter to one whom he would fain comfort with none but the brighter and milder days, and had struck the fourth figure from the design. "I never look at it," said Dickens, "that I don't think most of the winter." — *Forster's Life of Dickens.*

## LONDON MYERS AND COUNTRY MITHS.

Most of us have heard the Cockney superstition that if by accident we allow three candles to be burning at the same time, it is a presage that one of the company present will, before the year is out, be Lord Mayor. In the neighbourhood of Bristol, on the contrary, the three candles are supposed to indicate that you will have three ships out at sea. Every London child has been some time or other mystified by the enigmatical riddle about Gog and Magog, the two gigantic figures at the Guildhall—namely, that "when they hear the clock strike one, they come down to dinner." In some parts of the country, the same puzzle takes another form. In Sussex, between Hurstmonceaux and Hailsham, is a stone, said to have been used by the Druids for sacrificial purposes, and known as "The Amber Stone." Not far from it is another stone, concerning which the country children are told that "when it hears the cock crow, it turns round." A Welsh gentleman, residing in the neighbourhood of Aberystwith, mentioned to the writer his having heard a similar myth. So probably various stories in various parts of the country are made use of to mystify unambitious youth before the mind is logical enough to take in the force of "when it hears the cock crow."

ANTIDOTE AGAINST RABIES.

Dr. Jitzy lately communicated a very interesting circumstance to the Imperial Society of Wlins, in Russia, respecting a very vicious dog, who had a habit of mauling visitors (*Colden berus*) into pieces, and whose mauls and noses were covered with tumours produced by the bites of these rapists. This dog was bitten by a rabid dog, which had caused death from hydrocephalus to several hundred animals and a young dog. The owner of the first-mentioned dog, who valued it, kept it alive, but watched it continually, so as to destroy it on the first appearance of rabies. "No symptom of the disease, however, appeared; and to the great astonishment of Dr. Jitzy and of his master, the dog continued in perfect health." But what particularly attracted Dr. Jitzy's notice was that a woman living in the same locality was first bitten by a viper, and subsequently by a mad dog, and hydrocephalus did not ensue. This led him to infer that there was no antagonism between the venom of the viper and that of rabies. If this be admitted, it would be possible to preserve young dogs from hydrocephalus by inoculating them with the venom of the viper. It is reserved for future experimenters to decide the result of the singular coincidence which occurred in the facts above cited. We also learn from the *Gazette de Kraslavia*, No. 33, 1874, that amongst the remedies vaunted against rabies, and which are about equally effectual, the "zubakov," a kind of wizards in the south of Russia, employ the root of the black turmeric (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*). — *London Medical Record.*

## DIAMOND DIGGING.

Yes, it was a gay and charming occupation, this diamond digging, at the first. English emigrants, even, used to all sorts of unnecessary comforts would have found little for complaint. To dwell in a tent, well shaded by trees in luxury in a South African summer. Only the monotony and never-changing motion, though it were less than a pony a pound, gave cause to grumble. Colonial born did not see any inconvenience here, of course, having no other experience. Diamonds were tolerably abundant amongst the shug. He who did not in memory the amazing jeweller of New Bush would say they were more and tolerably abundant. It is thought that about three hundred thousand pounds worth was turned out from the river diggings during these years, 1869 and 1870. There were not less than two thousand diggers in all the time, though I am quite willing to believe that the population increased to ten thousand or more. The averages, therefore, would be one hundred and fifty pounds per man—a much larger sum in Cape Colony than have perhaps three times as large—certainly twice. In the southern climate of the world, in work not so exacting, in sense less than they had dreamt of, all were making money, and some fortunes. For the speculator, there were envelopes of a dozen species, felling within gunshot of his tent, porcupine, antelope, rattles, talcs, humus, all thronging around him; panthers not far off, on ostriches within a few hours' ride. To the fisherman, half-heads of one hundred pounds weight, salled, were, give ample amusement. The digger with an interest in any natural science could himself in a few hours, when his observations were seen to have value, and him in a mode made, while they thus amused themselves. It might have been predicted, from the well-known commonness of things, that this condition would not last. — *Temple Bar.*

## NOTICE.

## THE SEA TELESCOPE.

It is said the sea telescope of Norway carries in their fishing-boats a water-telescope or tube three or four feet in length. They immerse one end in the water, and thus looking intently through the glass, they are enabled to perceive objects ten or fifteen fathoms deep as distinctly as if they were within a few feet of the surface. Hence, when they draw plenty of fish, they surround them with their large draught nets, and often catch them by hundreds at a haul, which, were it not for these telescopes, would frequently prove precarious and unprofitable fishing. This instrument is not only used by the fishermen, but is also found in the navy and coasting vessels.

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